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26 cabin and 192 steerage passengers and 49 pieces of large and 143 pieces of small baggage. January 19, the steamship *Trojan Prince*, of the Prince Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 4 cabin and 300 steerage passengers and 70 pieces of large and 268 pieces of small baggage. January 22, the steamship *Bolivia*, of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 155 steerage passengers and 26 pieces of large and 160 pieces of small baggage.

Respectfully,

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*Smallpox at Gaeta and Elena.*

NAPLES, ITALY, *January 31, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended January 31, 1900, the following ships were inspected: January 27, the steamship *Fürst Bismarck*, of the Hamburg-American Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 27 cabin and 708 steerage passengers and 106 pieces of large and 564 pieces of small baggage. January 28, the steamship *Neustria* of the Fabre Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 208 steerage passengers and 38 pieces of large and 160 pieces of small baggage. January 30, the steamship *Archimede* of the Italian General Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1 cabin and 732 steerage passengers and 183 pieces of large and 741 pieces of small baggage.

The smallpox which was suspected to exist at Gaeta and Elena was officially confirmed two days ago. The disease is supposed to have been introduced from Marseilles, France. All baggage from these places has been disinfected here for the past ten days.

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JAPAN.

*Plague in Kobe Ken.*

KOBE, JAPAN, *January 1, 1900.*

SIR: I beg leave to lay before you the extent of the outbreak of plague in this ken (district).

The first case occurred on November 11; to the end of the month 8 more cases occurred with 7 deaths. On December 23, 12 cases with 9 deaths were reported, and since the 23d no case has occurred and no death.

The Japanese authorities here are taking all the precautions and even going to stringent measures to stamp out the disease. The town never was kept so clean, and wherever a case occurs the whole district is isolated and a cordon of police drawn round, with daily examination and inspection by doctors of all within its limits. The bodies of the dead are cremated and the families sent to a hospital set apart for such cases.

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